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WASHINGTON

November 11, 1975

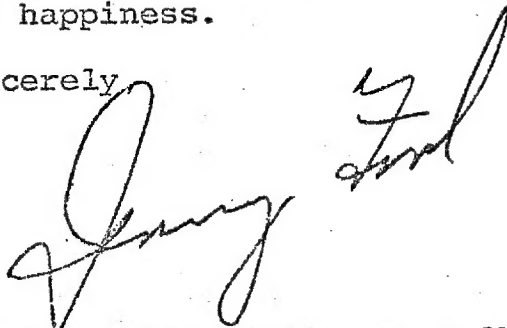
Dear Bill:

I have your letter of November 3, 1975, and, as you have requested, I accept your resignation as Director of Central Intelligence, effective upon the appointment and qualification of your successor. In doing so, I want you to know of my appreciation for the valuable service you have rendered to our Nation.

Throughout your long career you have served with the highest dedication and ability. In difficult assignments you have borne heavy responsibility, and your high personal integrity and professional competence have earned you the respect of your colleagues throughout Government and my own personal admiration. You have every reason to be proud of your record of achievement.

You may be sure that you take with you my heartfelt good wishes for every future success and happiness.

Sincerely



The Honorable William E. Colby  
Director of Central Intelligence  
Washington, D.C. 20505

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The President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with our conversation yesterday, I hereby tender my resignation as Director of Central Intelligence. I deeply appreciate the confidence you displayed in offering me the responsible position you did, but after consultation with my family, I find myself unable to accept it.

Respectfully,

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W. E. Colby  
Director

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